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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PPDC, SA, US (KHALID)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER FOR KING KHALID

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO KING KHALID. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL BE POUCHED.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

I UNDERSTAND YOU WILL BE LEAVING SHORTLY FOR LONDON AND WANT TO EXTEND MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR COMFORT AND HEALTH.

SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE WILL SOON BE VISITING THE KINGDOM IN OUR QUEST FOR A GENUINE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
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AND I REGRET THAT HE WILL NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR MAJESTY'S PERSONAL COUNSEL. I AM CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO UNDERSTANDING THE MANY FORCES AT WORK WITHIN THE MIDDLE EAST AS WE JOINTLY SEEK THE BEST PATH TOWARD A PEACE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES. THIS EFFORT WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE CLOSEST ATTENTION OF MY

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ADMINISTRATION.

I AM KEENLY AWARE OF THE LONG FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND OF THE STEADY GROWTH OF OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS. I ATTACH GREAT VALUE TO THIS RELATIONSHIP AND AM DETERMINED THAT IT SHOULD PROSPER. THERE ARE MANY IMPORTANT SUBJECTS ON WHICH WE WOULD BENEFIT FROM DETAILED CONSULTATIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT.

AS YOUR MAJESTY KNOWS, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCE FAHD WAS INVITED IN THE SUMMER OF 1975 TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. I WOULD LIKE TO RENEW THIS INVITATION AND TO ASK SECRETARY VANCE TO DISCUSS WITH HIS HIGHNESS POSSIBLE DATES FOR AN EARLY VISIT SO THAT I MAY BENEFIT DIRECTLY FROM THE VIEWS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AS WE CONSIDER HOW THE UNITED STATES MAY BEST HELP TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT.

I VIEW SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO RIYADH AND THE PROPOSED VISIT BY HIS HIGHNESS TO THE UNITED STATES AS ONLY THE BEGINNING ON MANY CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AS OUR RELATIONS GROW STRONGER. I WOULD CONSIDER IT THE HIGH POINT OF THIS RELATIONSHIP, AND AN HONOR TO ME AND MY COUNTRYMEN, WERE YOUR MAJESTY TO BE MY GUEST IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE FUTURE.

I PRAY THAT GOD MAY GRANT YOU A SAFE JOURNEY.

SINCERELY,
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JIMMY CARTER

END TEXT

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF SAG WISHES TO DO SO.
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